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## Olcott Harbor, NY

### **Harbor Features**

- Located on Lake Ontario at the mouth of Eighteen Mile Creek in the Village of Olcott, Niagara County, New York.
- Authorization: River & Harbor Acts of 1867 and 1913 and Water Resources Development Act of 1986.
- Shallow draft recreational harbor.
- Authorized depth is 12 feet in the Federal navigation channel.
- The channel is 140 feet wide and approximately 1,400 feet long.
- The harbor entrance is protected by the east and west piers with a total length of 1,723 feet.
- Major stakeholders include charter fishing interests and the recreational boating community.

### **Project Needs**

- The harbor typically requires dredging every five to ten years. It was last dredged in 1997 when 9,900 cubic yards (CY) of material was removed.
- In order to maintain adequate channel depth for vessels, estimated 15,000 (CY) maintenance dredging is required.
- The current sediment backlog within the functional harbor areas is estimated at approximately 1,000 CY.
- Maintenance dredging is the primary FY10 need.



### **Consequences of Not Maintaining the Project**

- Failure to dredge will result in continued shoaling and reduced channel dimensions; resulting in unsafe navigation conditions.
- Potential safety issues for recreational boating community.
- Potential functional loss of Critical Harbor of Refuge.
- Negative economic impacts, locally and regionally.

### **Transportation Importance**

- Critical Harbor of Refuge.
- Supports 14 charter fishing boats generating approximately \$114,324 in net income annually.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fiscal Year (FY) 2008, 2009 and 2010  
Olcott Harbor, New York Project Needs and President's Budget (\$1,000)**

<b>Work Package</b>	<b>FY08 Need</b>	<b>FY08 Allocation</b>	<b>FY09 Need</b>	<b>FY09 President's Budget</b>	<b>FY10 Need</b>	<b>FY10 President's Budget*</b>
Maintenance Dredging – Primary Work Package	445		525		475	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>475</b>	

\*FY10 President's Budget will be available in February 2009

**Congressional Interests**

- Representative Louise Slaughter D-NY-28
- Senator Hillary Clinton D-NY
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY